

NET ENERGY BILLING
DOCUMENTATION PROCESS
SUMMARY REPORT
(SUPPLEMENTAL)

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Docket No. 2021-00219
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In 2021, the Legislature passed “An Act To Amend State Laws Relating to Net Energy Billing and the Procurement of Distributed Generation” (Act).¹ The Act sets forth various requirements and applicable deadlines for projects that a Project Sponsor must meet to participate in NEB. Pursuant to the Commission’s October 4, 2021 “Net Energy Billing Documentation Process for Projects” (Announcement) and the December 2, 2021 Addendum 1 (Addendum), the Commission established a Documentation Process for projects seeking to participate in Net Energy Billing (NEB) in the State of Maine to submit documents pursuant to the provisions of the Act. The Documentation Process was administered by Commission Staff and the Commission’s consultant, Enel X North America, Inc. (Enel X).

Pursuant to the Announcement, the deadline for documentation submission pertaining to subsection 7(A) – 7(D) of the Act was March 31, 2022. On April 12, 2022, the Commission issued a Summary Report regarding the submissions received as of that date. This Report supplements the information provided in that report.

As of September 28, 2022:

- 282 projects with a total nameplate capacity of 1,182.9 MW initiated the Documentation Process; and
- 257 projects with a total nameplate capacity of 1,082.8 MW have provided the materials required by this Documentation Process applicable to the statutory milestones established in subsections (7)(A) – 7(D) of the Act.

In addition, as of September 28, 2022, nineteen projects with a total nameplate capacity of 75.7 MW have provided the materials required by this Documentation Process applicable to the statutory milestone established in subsection 7(E) indicating commercial operations.

The statistics above do not include:

- 1) NEB projects that were in operation and participating in an NEB program prior to the enactment of the Act on October 18, 2021;
- 2) NEB projects with a nameplate capacity of less than 2 MW; or
- 3) Any other NEB projects that did not submit documentation through the process established in the Announcement.

As noted in the Announcement, compliance with this Documentation Process is not indicative of, or otherwise a determination that, any project meets the statutory requirements for NEB eligibility, nor is failure to comply with the Documentation Process indicative of the contrary. Projects seeking to participate in NEB must comply with all applicable requirements and standards set forth in statute, Commission rules, and Orders of the Commission.

¹ The portions of the Act that are pertinent to this process are codified at 35-A M.R.S. § 3209-A(7).

In addition to the above information, the Commission reports that, as of August 31, 2022, the public reports filed by Central Maine Power (CMP) and Versant Power (Versant) in Docket No. 2020-00199 reflect that a total of 314 projects with a total nameplate capacity of 1,305.3 MW have executed a NEB Agreement. The reports further reflect that 58 MW of projects were operational prior to the enactment of the Act. The numbers in this paragraph exclude projects of less than 2 MW.

In addition, as of September 1, 2022, the CMP and Versant public interconnection queues reflect a total of 420 NEB projects between 2 – 5 MW with an aggregate nameplate capacity of 1,731 MW.²

² 353 projects with a total nameplate capacity of 1,460 MW have a fully executed interconnection agreement (IA), and 67 projects with a total nameplate capacity of 271 MW have a pending IA application.